

SECTION: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, a complete listing of all claims in the application, and their status, is set forth below. The text of each pending claim is also provided. Please amend the pending claims as follows, wherein added matter is underlined and deleted matter is ~~strickenthrough~~ or [[double bracketed]] in the text of the currently amended claims, relative to the immediate prior version. The claims in this listing are deemed to replace all prior claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) An evidence collection device comprising a housing having a closable lid, the lid being securable to the housing to close the housing, at least part of the housing being defined by a strainer member having a plurality of openings formed therein and adapted to allow water entering the housing to escape therefrom through the strainer member, but to collect, and retain within the housing, particulate matter carried by the water, the housing being of dimensions to allow it to be received within and seal an outlet of at least one of a bath, shower, a wash basin and mortuary table.
2. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1, ~~wherein the strainer member includes a plurality of openings, the openings of the strainer member are being~~ sufficiently small to ensure that human cells are retained within the housing.
3. (Original) A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the openings of the strainer member are of a uniform size.

4. (Original) A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the openings are of a non-uniform size.
5. (Original) A device as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the openings in a central part of the strainer member are smaller dimensions than those located towards the edges of the strainer member.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Original) A devices as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the lid of the housing is securable in position on the remainder of the housing by screw threads.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim ~~8~~ 13, wherein the liner is closable.
10. (Original) A method of collecting evidence comprising locating an evidence collection device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims within the outlet of a bath, shower or wash basin, allowing the individual from whom evidence is to be collected to bath, shower or wash, allowing water to escape from the bath, shower or basin, the water entering the housing and passing through the strainer member, particulate matter carried into the housing being unable to pass through the strainer member and being retained within the housing, and closing the lid to trap the collected matter within the housing.

11. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 10, further comprising a step of wiping the bath, shower or basin using a cloth or wipe of known DNA content to collect any matter adhering thereto.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (New) An evidence collection device comprising a flexible liner and a housing having a closable lid, the lid being securable to the housing to close the housing, at least part of the housing being defined by a strainer member having a plurality of openings formed therein and adapted to allow water entering the housing to escape therefrom through the strainer member but to collect and retain within the housing particulate matter carried by the water, the housing being located in an outlet of the liner.